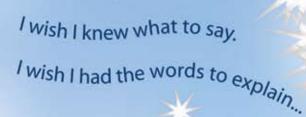
# Finding Words Presented by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services





### Training to be held at Virginia Commonwealth University

Student Union - Richmond Salon • Richmond, Virginia
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can be difficult for a child victimized by abuse. Emotions of fear or love, or both, for the perpetrator may cause a child to be reluctant to reveal abuse. If a child tries to speak of abuse, he or she may lack the verbal skills to adequately communicate the event(s) to an adult.

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can be difficult for a police officer, social worker, or prosecutor who must speak to a child about abuse. In order to communicate competently with a child, the interviewer must be able to speak in a manner consistent with the child's linguistic and developmental abilities.

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can be difficult for a child telling a jury about abuse.

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can be difficult for an investigator or prosecutor faced with defending an interview from an attack by defense counsel that the child was "led" into making a false accusation.

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is a course presented by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and designed by the National District Attorneys Association's National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse in collaboration with CornerHouse, a nonprofit interagency child abuse evaluation and training center located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

- An intensive five-day course in which students learn the necessary skills to conduct a competent, investigative interview of a child abuse victim using the CornerHouse forensic interview process.
- An interactive course that combines lectures with demonstrations and hands-on experience. Students may be expected to interview a child about a non-abuse event and be critiqued by an expert forensic interviewer. Students will conduct a 30 minute interview with an actor/actress playing the role of an abused child and will be critiqued on their performance.
- The ideal course for investigators and prosecutors seeking to enhance their ability to speak to and for abused children.

### Paument Intormation

The tuition fee is \$200 per person. Do not send tuition payment with your application. Upon notification of your acceptance to the course, payment will be due. If you are accepted and unable to attend, you MUST notify the Course Coordinator. No one will be admitted to the course without prior approval by DCJS. Attendees are responsible for all expenses, including travel, meals, and lodging. This course is for Virginia residents only.

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# Finding Application Form 2007

This program is limited to 40 students per session. Please be aware that this is an intensive course. You will receive a mandatory reading assignment prior to the training sessions. The workshops are supplemented by homework assignments that must be completed each night and each student will be given a written examination at the end of the course. Students who fail to attend all workshops; to complete homework; to conduct child and actor/actress interviews; and to pass the examination will not be eligible for a certificate of course completion.

Finding Words Virginia supports a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse cases. Therefore, preference will be given to those who apply to attend the training as a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The ideal team consists of a prosecutor, a forensic interviewer, a law enforcement investigator, and a child protective services worker. Individual applications will also be considered. If you applied to attend Finding Words Virginia in 2006 and would like your previous application to be considered for one of the 2007 sessions, please contact the Course Coordinator, Holly Oehrlein. For more information call (804) 371-0534 or e-mail Holly.Oehrlein@dcjs.virginia.gov.

#### Please check one:

- MDT Member Application (*Team applications must be submitted together*)
- Individual Application

#### Please choose preferable dates of training:

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	September 24-28, 2007 Deadline to apply is July 21		
Office_			
City _	State	Zip	)
Phone	Number Fax Number	E-mail	l
Why d	o you want to attend this course? (attach additional sheet if	f necessary):	
Has an	ou applied to attend Finding Words Virginia before? yone from your agency attended Finding Words Virginia? er of years as a Child Abuse Professional:	OYe	es ONo
Experi	ence conducting forensic or therapeutic interviews:		

# Application Form 2007 (Continued)

Please list child abuse	related training or interview	ving programs yo	u have attended:	
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Does your jurisdiction	n have access to a Child Adv	ocacy Center? (	Yes O No	
Does your jurisdiction	n have a multidisciplinary tea	am?	Yes O No	
· ·	re you currently a member o ow long have you been a mer		Yes O No	
Approximately how m	nany children have you inter	viewed regarding	the following types of	abuse:
Physical Abuse/Child	Death:		Sexual Abuse:	
Emotional Abuse/Neg	glect:	Physical Neglect:		
Do you conduct inter	views in a child friendly envi	ironment?	Yes O No	
If yes, briefly describe	::			
	ollowing tools you employ du			
O Video Tape	O Audio Tape	O Anatomical Dolls		O Anatomical Drawings
What rapport-buildin	ng techniques do you use?			
Check which (if any)	of these problems you have e	encountered duri	ng interviewing:	
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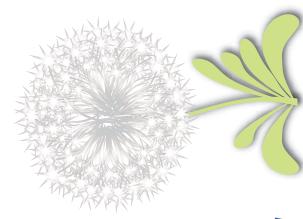
**Please Note:** ALL team applications must be received together. Do not send tuition payment with your application. Payment will be due after notification of acceptance into the course.

# Please Return Completed Application to:

Finding Words Virginia , Attn: Denise Hampton Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services 202 North Ninth Street, Richmond, VA 23219

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